N.O. Lawyer Found Guilty of Funds Misuse

Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara has found lawyer Robert Haik guilty of the unauthorized use of $50,000 belonging to District Attorney Jim Garrison's mother.

Defense Attorney Milton Brener filed a motion for a new trial and Judge O'Hara said he would rule on that move Oct. 1.

Haik, a former attorney for the New Orleans Aviation Board, was tried before Judge O'Hara July 17 and the verdict was returned yesterday.

The money belonged to Mrs. Jane Garrison Gardinier, 70, of Laurel, Miss. It involved oil royalties and was the cause of a suit in federal district court.

Haik had complained that Garrison used the power of his office to benefit his own family when the charges were filed. Garrison recused himself from the case and Robert I. Zibilich was named by the court as a special prosecutor.